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Dear Dick,

My young people in Miami have found the wrong incident, have sent me the enclosed photostats of the stories inSpanish and the single related picture. A copy of my reply/thanks is also enclosed. If you can provide a better lead, send it to me and I'll forward. If there are other things we'd like looked up in the papers we should give it to them at the same time, so we can economize on their time. There are two fine youngsters. If you find anything of interest in these clips, please let me know. For example, is it the kind of incident I can use in TIGER?

Maybe your Dempsey interview resulted in leads that should be followed through the papers?

Howard was here, I put him on the bus a little while ago. He is a fine kid, bright and in some ways very mature for 16x- as solid a 16-year-old as I can recall, excellent vocabulary, good scientific knowledge, familiarity with modern tools, etc. And personally well-mannered, soft-spoken, no problem-hair and all. I like him. He was rather surprised and pleased when I turned him loose in the files. I tried to encourage him to stick to his major interests and I think that largely he did. I loaned him pretty much of what he wanted, all I now could and he could use. He read both IMs, my autopsy files, all the relevent unpublished stuff that could help him, some of the picture files (he'll be writing you for me about some you have where I have only part of the series). In the course of going over his work, or rather some of it, with him, we spent some time on Z, where he hows the Thompson line on 312-3 double hit (I do not and I do not regard Thompson's "physics" as science any more than I do the EC's), I gave him some things he agrees need checking out. He'll do it, with his physics prof. Meanwhile, I did take the time to locate the place a little earlier where I reported (WWII:221) the other sharp forward motions. It is around 291. I had estimated about 287. If you compare the amount of JFK visible and the relationship of the visible parts of the body with the side of the car, the bottom and top of the frame, the back of the seat and other objects, I think you'll be able to see it from 18. You can lay a straight edge accross the facing pages and see it this way also.

I answered his finck questions by showing him the pertinent parts of the NO test. Eventually he will want some of it. I told him that until I finish the legal preparations I need it for copying things out for Bud, but that possibly you by then can lend him yours (my thermofax copy is not suitable for further copying). Meanhile, he will look into getting copies made. He thinks he can get Thermofaxes at school for 1¢ per page. I suggested that before he copies any pages he read all of it, for there is much that will not help or interest him.

I think he was overly impressed and I am certain he enjoyed himself. He has a high regard fot you and there is little doubt you have helped his understanding. And helped him think things out for himself.

He has a potentially very interesting and helpful interview in the near future. I helped him prepare for it, suggesting what he seek to include, how he go about it and what he eliminate, for there will not be limitless time. He will try and tape it and had let it be known, at my suggestion, that this is what he intends. This is an interview that would not be granted others of us. I think if it goes off he'll have done something worthwhile. In time we'll know.

Sincerely,